

highest total number taken in a whole summer previously was only 21, in 1968. Mr. P. Corkhill, Nature Conservancy Warden for the Isle of Rum, writes me (15th July) that the moth had been very plentiful there for the previous two or three weeks, and that he had observed a very dense emergence along the cliffs of N. Harris in 1975. However, I doubt if the very large number captured on Canna in the trap on 6th July this year originated on Rum, because they did not appear to be the heather-bred type, also the Head Lightkeeper on Heisker, which is ten miles away in the Minch, reports seeing "quite a number" of Magpie Moths there on 4th and 5th July, and Dr. H. J. MacLean tells me that a large number of them were around on Eigg about the same time. I have been told the same thing from Morar. — J. L. CAMPBELL, Isle of Canna, 31.vii.1976.

*OECIACUS HIRUNDINIS* (JENYNS) (HEM.: CIMICIDAE) IN NORFOLK. — A single example of *Oeciacus hirundinis* (Jenyms) was found in the nest of a House Martin on 18th June, 1971. The nest had been collected from the wall of a cottage at Croxton, near Thetford, Norfolk (TL 881866) two weeks previously.

Southwood and Leston (1959, *Land and Water Bugs Brit. Isles*: 187-8) record its distribution as "most English counties south of a line from the Wash to the Bristol Channel". Masee (1955, *Ent. mon. Mag.*, 91: 14) records it from Norfolk in his county distribution of the British Hemiptera-Heteroptera. Despite this apparently wide distribution in the south, the bug seems rarely to be recorded perhaps because its specialised habitat is only rarely searched or perhaps because it is truly scarce.

Southwood and Leston (*op. cit.*) state that in winter the bugs generally retire from the nest into adjacent cracks and remain there until spring. My specimen obviously found the nest a satisfactory overwintering site. — DAVID RIDLEY NASH, 266 Colchester Road, Lawford, near Manningtree, Essex.

CAMBERWELL BEAUTIES IN THE ISLE OF MAN IN 1976. — Mrs. G. Solly and Mr. D. J. Slinn, of the Marine Biological Station, Port Erin, report seeing a Camberwell Beauty (*Nymphalis antiopa* L.) in the former's garden at Ballasalla on 20th August. It was first spotted at about 6.20 p.m. on a buddleia bush where it remained in full view for some 40 minutes. It reappeared there about 11 a.m. on the following day, but shortly after flew off in an easterly direction. Another Camberwell Beauty was seen at buddleia at about 10.30 a.m. on 21st August at Onchan (some nine miles from Ballasalla as the crow flies) by Mr. A. Daugherty. Finally, a third (?) butterfly was found drowned in a water tank at Douglas Head by Mr. J. Wood on 24th August. These are the first examples of this species to be seen in the Island since 1947. — Dr. L. S. GARRAD, The Manx Museum, Douglas, Isle of Man.